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2. I do know, however, that a Class IV main medical supply depot of GORL was located at Fuerstenwalde (5222H-140461).

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I have no knowledge of the capacity of the depot nor the amount of supplies on hand. Medical officers told me, however, that it is the largest medical depot of GORL. This depot was operated by a special unit which was subordinate to the Medical Department of GORL.

Medical Supplies

3. I believe that the following types of medical supplies were stored at the depot in Fuerstenwalde:

- (a) Blood plasma; I have actually seen no blood plasma stored in the Soviet Zone but it is standard practice to have blood plasma in stock at hospitals. Soviet soldiers willingly donate blood because they are rewarded with money, extra food and extra time off.

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- (b) Penicillin; I heard from medical officers that penicillin is kept at the medical supply depot in Fuerstenwalde, packed in flasks.
 - (c) Sulfa drugs; medical officers also told me that sulfa drugs are stored at the depot in Fuerstenwalde.
 - (d) Morphine Syrettes; I heard that supplies of morphine were kept at the medical depot in Fuerstenwalde but I can give no further details concerning narcotics.
 - (e) Various officers told me that a large number of litters were kept in storage, and that whenever new litters were requested, they were supplied without question and without special requisition. I can give no information about splints. I heard from medical officers that individual aid packets, surgical dressings, bandages, iodine, sterile pads of various sizes, and physiotherapy and X-ray machines were stored in quantity at this medical depot.
4. At the present time, practically all medical supplies in the Soviet Zone are German supplies. However, [redacted] I heard my commanding officer, [redacted] say that in the near future medical supplies would be sent from the USSR.
5. At the Fuerstenwalde medical depot I saw a medicine named "ginseng." I heard that "ginseng" (an alkaloid stimulant) is used to treat heart ailments, tuberculosis and other ailments. I also heard that the cost of this medicine is very high, and that therefore, it is not available in quantity.

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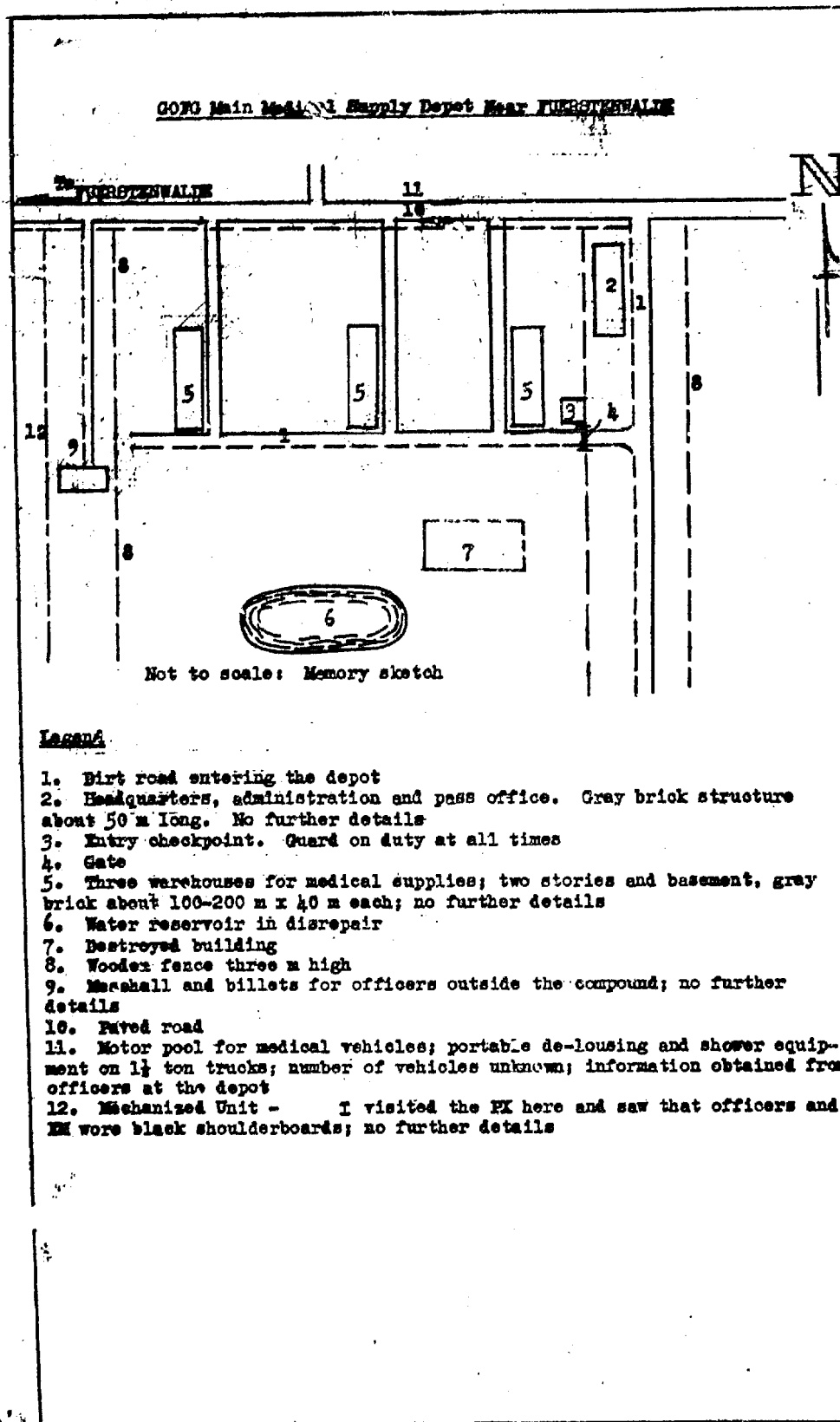
Enclosure (A) GDFG Main Medical Supply Depot near Fuerstenwalde

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